

# HERITAGE

Here for each other, call 978-674-4131 to stay in touch.

Aquí estamos una para el otro. Llame al 978-674-1168 para mantenerse en contacto.

Aqui um para o outro, chama 978-674-1167 para ficar em contato.

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Tunawatakia kila la kheri. Tuna wakumbusha pia tuko hapa kwa ajili yenu. Tuwasiliane kwa simu numba 978-674-1174. Asanteni!



# On the Move ... In The Park

Mondays 10:30 am Tuesdays 11:00 am Wednesdays 12:30 pm Fridays 10:30 am

Marian Silk is excited for you to work-out with her in the park! Join us at Callery Park ... corner of B Street and Parker Street in Lowell near the Lowell Catholic Schools. Off-street parking is available!

\$16/4 class session

We have limited class size for COVID safety. If you would like to join the class, please call Carol at 978-674-1169.

#### Baile Aeróbico

Exercise to music with Spanish & English instruction Thursdays, 10:30am at Callery Park begins May 20 FREE. Sign Up required, call Glady at 978-674-1168

Vamos hacer ejercicio con música. Con instructores en Espanol y inglés. En el CALLERY PARK los Jueves comenzando el 20 de Mayo.

GRATIS. Es necesario registrarse, llama a Glady al 978-674-1168



#### Special lunches:









May 5 May 9 May 21 June 20

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#### City of Lowell Veterans Services

<u>Director / Agent</u> Eric Lamarche ELamarche@lowellma.gov

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 PM. Monday - Friday

Tel: 978-674-4066 Fax: 978-446-7270

#### **Library Senior Center Branch**

978-674-1177

Open for computer use by appointment.

# LOWELL SENIOR CENTER

### 276 Broadway St Lowell, MA 01854

978-674-4131

Monday–Friday: 7 am to 3 pm

Saturday–Sunday: **Open for meals only** 

Daily Takeout Breakfast: 7:00-9:00 am

Daily Takeout Lunch: 10-11:30 am

Director: Lil Hartman

Receptionist: Tara Donnelly

Events: Carol Lannan

#### **Outreach Team**

Amy Leal 978-674-1167 (Portuguese, Spanish)

Glady Rosa 978-674-1168 (Spanish)

Eunice Wanjiru 978-674-1174 (Swahili)

Seila Chuop 978-735-9247 (Khmer, Korean)

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Next meeting: Monday,

<u>May 10th by conference call</u>

at 9:00am

#### **Lowell Health Department**

978-674-4010

For Questions about COVID-19.

Prefer reading
The Heritage Newsletter
online?

Visit: www.lowellma.gov/seniors

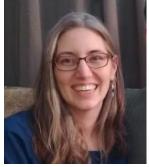
Join our e-mail list for weekly updates about events, and a notice when the newsletter is available online.

Please call 978-674-4131 to share your email address with us.

#### Breakfast Daily 7-9am, Lunch Daily 10-11:30am (\$2.50 donation appreciated)

Menu subject to change based on food availability. All lunches are served with milk and bread. A soup of the day will be available frequently during the colder months. Do you like a particular menu item, or have a recipe to share? Please call us at 978-674-1170 to provide feedback or email jwilkins@lowellma.gov

We do not offer a lunch bus at this time. If you need hot meals delivered to your home, call Meals on Wheels at 800-892-0890



# Reopening News

It's an absolute pleasure to begin reopening this spring. We are starting with Monday and Friday indoor activities that don't require getting within 6 feet of each other or sharing supplies. I look forward to seeing you soon for knitting, painting, exercise, computer help, or at the outdoor Farmer's Market!

While we are excited to get together again, we also honor the memory of over 300 Lowell residents who died from COVID-19, and we continue to take health risks seriously. Masks are required at all times when you visit the senior center, hand sanitizer is available, and furniture is 6 feet apart to encourage social distancing. During vaccine clinics, the senior center is closed for senior activities and drop-in visitors. To avoid vaccine clinic days, please call 978-674-4131 to schedule your visit.

As of April 14, 59% of Lowell residents age 65-74, and 64% of residents age 75+ are fully vaccinated. The great protection these people enjoy from COVID-19 makes it safer to participate in senior center group activities. If you are not vaccinated and would like to participate safely, we recommend talking to your doctor about the vaccine. Vaccines are free and easy for Lowell residents to find by calling 978-228-3019 (English, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer).



# **Medical Loan Program**

Walkers, disposable underwear and bed pads available FREE. Call 978-674-4131 for pickup Wheelchair donations needed!



Senior Center syringe drop-off accepted during meal program hours at our side window. Please call 978-674-4131 for weekday lobby drop-off to avoid vaccine clinic days. Free disposal containers are available while supplies last.



### **Get Help with Medicare**

Call 978-946-1374 and leave a message. A trained counselor will call you back within 1-2 days. Serving the Health Statewide, no in-person appointments are available.



Do you have a worn, tattered or falling apart US flag? Are you unsure what to do with it? Now you can drop it off in one of the US Flag Dropboxes! Available at the Senior Center and CIty Hall.

\*\*Sign up ahead! Group size dates subject to change based on vaccine clinics needs.\*\*

### **NEW! Painting with Lolita**

Monday afternoons in June 2nd Floor Classroom

What can you do with a paper and brush? Come discover your own hidden talent, and the fun of painting together with friends. Lolita Demers is a retired school art teacher here to guide your technique. Bring your own supplies (no oil paints) or use individually-packed kits from the senior center. Advance sign-up is required, call Tara at 978-674-4131.



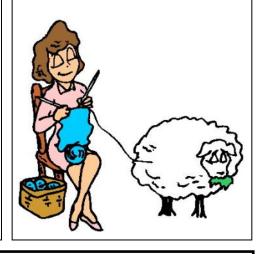
This program is supported in part by a grant from the Lowell Cultural Council, administered by the Mass Cultural Council.

**Cost:** Free, donations appreciated.

# Knitting & Crochet Group

Fridays 12:00—3:00 pm 2nd Floor Classroom

Newcomers welcome! Call Glady at 978-674-1168



# FREE Fitness Room

Weekdays by appointment Limited capacity for social distancing Call 978-674-4131

#### Required:

- Lowell residents age 60+
- Sneakers
- Doctor's release note dated July 1, 2020 or later



# Foot Clinic with Diane Stanley, RN

Thursdays, May 20th & June 17th 9:00am – 12:00pm

\$30.00 fee

A Total Foot Care appointment including: foot assessment, toenail trimming and filing, reduction of nails/corns/calluses as needed, education to help maintain self-care, and a relaxing foot massage.

Call for appointments:

978-674-1167

2nd Floor Nurse's Station



### Sign up now for Beach Trips!

- Old Orchard
- York Beach
- \* Ogunquit
- \* Hampton Beach

Starting in July (dates to be determined), we may be able to take beach trips this year! If you'd like to sign up for beach trips this summer, please call Carol 978-674-1169 to be notified when trips begin.





# Come Shopping with Us! \$1 Round-Trip to Grocery Stores

Please call 978-674-4131 if you need a ride to the grocery store. On grocery trips, attendance will be limited to 4 riders per trip. Please space yourself with at least one empty row of seating between you and the next person and return to the same seat for your return trip.

#### CareRide

CareRide, a program of Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, provides non-emergency medical transportation in the Greater Lowell area and to Boston for people age 60+. Sign up at the Lowell Senior Center (978-674-4131), and a ride share vehicle will be scheduled for you by Elder Services.

No need to use a smartphone or pay the driver; bills come to your address monthly, \$4/each way for local trips.



#### **LRTA Road Runner**

ADA Paratransit curb-to-curb service is available for people with a disability that prevents them from using a fixed route bus—for all trip types.

Senior Dial-a-Ride is available for all people age 60+ for medical rides only.

Call Road Runner at 978-459-0152



#### NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS & SPORTS MONTH



















1 in 5 adults meet physical activity guidelines for aerobic and musclestrengthening activities



in 4 children participate in the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day

# Adequate physical activity prevents

1 in 10

premature deaths

1 in 12

cases of diabetes

cases of heart disease

# ADULT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS

**Aerobic Exercise** 



minutes/ week for moderateintensity exercise

minutes/ week for vigorous exercise

Strength Training & **Balance Activities** 



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Stretching



10St days of week





# Down Miceli presents Dance MOVES

**Tuesdays with a computer or smartphone** May 11, 25 & June 8, 22



Dancing is a great form of exercise that provides physical, cognitive, creative and social benefits. Donna Miceli and Carolyn McCarthy lead a dance class designed for people with Parkinson's or other mobility challenges. Choose a seated or standing version of each exercise. No dance experience is necessary.

To register and get a Zoom invitation, please email Donna at <a href="miceli.dmdc@gmail.com">miceli.dmdc@gmail.com</a>. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Lowell Cultural Council, administered by the Mass Cultural Council. **Cost:** Free, donations appreciated.

# **CTI Bone Builders**

Jean Jacoppi, a leader of Bone Builders at Tyngsboro Senior Center, has created a video for all to access through Youtube. Simply search for: **Crystal Lake RV Bone Builders**. The video is in two parts. All are welcome to exercise to it. Comfortable Weights are necessary.



Living My Dream Yoga

Christine Connolly RN, BSN

500 hr Kripalu Yoga Teacher

Reiki II Practitioner

www.livingmydreamyoga.com

Zoom Classes ... Tuesdays 10:00 am ... Free

# **Get Fit, Stay Fit from Home**

On Lowell cable Channel 8 or www.LTC.org

Yoga Mondays 1:30 On the Move Tuesday 1:30pm Young at Heart Wednesdays at 3pm Tae Kwon Do Wednesday 8pm Recovery Fitness Wednesday 8:30pm On the Move, Friday 3pm and Saturday 10:30am Seniorcize, Saturday 3pm



# Beginner painting class with art instructor Lolita Demers in your home on LTC Channel 8!

We have class materials available for pickup at the senior center, \$2 suggested donation. Please call 978-674-4131 to register and collect your painting kit. We will provide a schedule for when to catch the class on TV, and YouTube link if you prefer.

Pictured: Lolita's bottle painting class at the Senior Center, Oct. 2019

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Lowell Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.





# A VIRTUAL MEMORY CAFÉ

**FEATURING LIVE** 

**ENTERTAINMENT!** 

#### WHAT IS A MEMORY CAFÉ?

A place where people with memory loss and their caregivers can be themselves, share stories and discover helpful hints in a supportive, safe and fun environment.

#### WHERE AND WHEN?

- Virtual cafés will occur monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month
- 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
- Via ZOOM

#### REGISTRATION IS FREE AND EASY

- Registration is required for this event.
- Please RSVP to Candace Walker by calling 1-978-569-1016 or emailing memorycafé@dyouville.org
- Register no later than the Monday before the café to reserve your space and receive your ZOOM link.







#### 1970'S TV WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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HOGANS HEROES
LAND OF THE LOST
NIGHT GALLERY
POLICE WOMAN

ROCKFORD FILES THE JEFFERSONS THE ODD COUPLE THE WALTONS THREES COMPANY

www.WordSearchAddict.com

### Volunteer with us!

The City has decided to reopen the Elderly and Veterans Volunteer Program for Fiscal Year 2022. You may be able to help a city department for up to 100 hours and earn a reduction in your property tax bill. Spots in this program are limited. To sign up, call 978-674-1102 or visit the Lowell Assessor's Office, City Hall, 1st Fl. Room 36, starting July 1, 2021.

<u>Meals on Wheels</u> is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver lunches for seniors in Lowell. These folks get a daily stipend for vehicle costs, and are also eligible for the Elderly and Veterans Volunteer Program (see above). Please let the senior center know if you're interested.

<u>Do you like to work out with friends</u>? CTI is seeking new volunteers to lead its strength training class at the senior center. Bone Builders leaders are part of the AmeriCorps Senior Program and enjoy volunteer benefits. Please let the senior center know if you're interested.

# Takeout Lunch Menu: May - June 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2. Beef Stew potato, carrots, cake	3. Teriyaki Pork potato, broccoli, fruit salad	4. BBQ Chicken, rice, peas, apple	5. Beef Taco rice, beans, let- tuce, tomato, onions, strawber- ries	6. Stir Fry Beef pasta, carrots, pea pods, toma- to, watermelon	7. Baked Stuffed Chicken, stuff- ing, potato, green beans, pineapple	8. Chicken Patty gravy, rice, car- rots, fruit salad
9. Shepherds Pie, potato, corn, pears	10. Chicken Soup, rice, car- rots, celery, onions, blueberries	11. Cheese Ravioli, ground pork, sauce, pasta, spinach, toma- to, cookie	12. Spaghetti, meatballs, gar- den salad, pud- ding	13. Spanish Chicken, potato, rice, carrots, onions, straw- berries	14. Baked Pollack, potato, green beans, banana	15. Turkey Chili rice, spinach, orange
16. Cheese Steak, pasta salad, cake	17. Oven Fried Chicken, potato Cole slaw, banana	18. BBQ Pork Loin, rice, car- rots, mandarin orange	19. Lasagna meat sauce, pasta carrots, cookie	20. Chicken Lo Mein, noodles, carrots, peas, cabbage, applesauce	21. Scampi shrimp, chicken, egg noodles, tomato, onions, carrots, cake	22. Meatloaf potato, gravy, mixed veggies, pears
23. Chicken Salad, pasta salad, lettuce tomato, fruit salad	24. Stuffed Cabbage, pota- to, stewed to- matoes, pears	25. Liver & Onions, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, apple	26. Chicken Parm., pasta, green beans, to- mato sauce, ap- plesauce	27. Beef Stir Fry, rice, pep- pers, onions, pea pods, pineapple	28. Chicken Alfredo Pasta, peas, cookie	29. Stuffed Peppers, rice, carrots, apple
30. Cheese Burger, potato salad, lettuce, tomato, on- ions, water- melon	31. CLOSED	1. Chicken a la King, rice, peas, carrots, Pudding	2. Lasagna, veggies, turkey gravy, garlic bread, broccoli, pears	3. Spanish Chicken, pota- toes, rice, car- rots, tomatoes, onions, peppers, fruit salad	4. Baked Pollock, potatoes, peas, cake	5. Sausage Sub potato salad, pep- pers, onions, to- matoes, cucum- bers, cookie
6. Stuffed Shells, beef, sauce, salad, pineapple	7. Herb Chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, cake	8. Pot Roast potato, green beans, fruit salad	9. Chicken Broccoli, ziti pasta, carrots, cauliflower, strawberries	10. Portuguese kale soup, pork sausage, potato, rice, on- ions, tomato, pudding	11. BBQ Spare Ribs, rice, Cole slaw, applesauce	12. Ziti, meat- balls, salad, pears
13. Chicken Salad Sub, pasta, salad, strawberries	14. Oven Fried Chicken, egg noodles, peas, peaches	15. BBQ Chicken, rice, peas, apple	16. Pork Shoulder, broccoli., roasted potatoes, corn, mandarin oranges	17. Chicken Pie, mashed pota- toes, mixed veg- gies, cookie	18. London Broil Beef, po- tato, green beans, ice cream	19. Lemon Pepper Chicken, rice broccoli, cake
20. Cheese Burger, French fries, salad, cookie	21. Stuffed Pepper, potato, tomato, spinach, pineapple	22. Shrimp Scampi, rice, peas, tomato, onions, apple	23. Turkey Dinner, potato, stuffing, gravy, squash, carrots, pears	24. Roast Pork Loin, rice pilaf, peas, pudding	25. Seafood Stew, shrimp, mussels, Pol- lack, white rice, tomato, onions, peas, peaches	26. Hot Dog, beans, pork chili, potato salad, peaches
27. Meatloaf, mashed pota- toes, green beans, blue- berries	28. Chicken Sandwich, pasta salad, cukes, onions, celery, pears	29. Cheese Ravioli, meat sauce, pasta, peas, carrots, apple	30. Stuffed Cabbage, potato, corn, fruit cocktail			

### The Elder Community Market

This program will likely start on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am-10:15am. It will run for 12 weeks to Friday, October 1st. The program will serve 80 Greater Lowell residents.

There will be two groups (40 people in each group) which will alternate weeks. Thanks to ESMV, the produce will be provided to each elder for FREE every week!

Please call the senior center at 978-674-4131 after May 1 to complete an application over the phone



### COALITION FOR A BETTER ACRE

Monthly Food Bank We deliver anywhere in the City of Lowell

> **Contact Jennifer 978-856-6646** or Mitchy 978-856-6625



A distribution of pre-bagged groceries

In partnership with



#### DATES: 4th Tuesday

May 25, 2021 June 22, 2021 July 27, 2021

#### FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Laura Marsan (978) 946-1303 Justin Jordan (978) 946-1279

Please bring reusable bags, baskets, or a cart to carry your food.





irst Lowell Rehab Apartments

be picked up at Wingate Management Co., 16 Middle Street, Lowell MA 01852, calling 978-459-3631 or e-mail Lowell@wingatecompanies.com Applications may t



# Special thanks to Chovy In, a Nurse Practitioner student at Rivier University (Nashua, NH) for contributing this article, and to Seila Chuop for assistance with Khmer translation.

Diabetes is one of the biggest health problems. The disease is likely to increase by 425 million in 2017 to 629 million by 2045. In the U.S, 10.5% of the U.S population had diabetes, and the percentage of adults with diabetes increased with age (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020). According to the CDC, more than 13% of non-Hispanic Blacks, 11.2% of Asian Americans, and 10.3% of Hispanics, compared with 9.4% of non-Hispanic whites, live with diabetes (Brown-Riggs, 2021).

Research shows that making healthy lifestyle choices can help you manage your blood sugar levels in the short term and may even prevent many long-term health complications associated with diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Diet (ADA), a Mediterranean-style diet and Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) are good starting points for a diabetic eating plan to accommodate your personal eating preferences. These two diet styles have two important reasons: they are mostly whole foods, meals built around vegetables rather than carbohydrates (McQuillan, 2019).

#### Mediterranean style diet consists of:

Regular consumption of olive oil (the main source of added fat)

Plant food (cereal, fruits, vegetables, legumes, tree nuts, and seeds)

Moderate consumption of fish, seafood, and diary by limited use of red meat (Lacatusu, Grigorescu, Floria, Onofriescu & Mihai, 2019).

Starting **DASH** does not make big changes overnight, instead making whatever small changes seem most manageable to you:

Add one vegetable or fruit serving to every meal.

Begin two or more meat-free meals each week. Use herbs and spices to make food tastier without salt.

Snack on almonds or pecan instead of a bag of chips

Switch white flour to whole-wheat flour when possible.

Limit foods that are high in saturated fat, such as fatty meats.

Limit sugar-sweetened beverages and sweets. Take 15-mintues walk after lunch or dinner (or

(National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 2020)

Also, the Plate Method by the American Diabetes Association is a simple method of meal planning.

Fill half your plate with non-starchy vegetable, such as spinach, carrots, and tomatoes.

Fill a quarter of your plate with a protein, such as tuna lean pork or chicken.

Fill the last quarter with a whole-grain item, such as brown rice or a starchy vegetable, such as green peas.

Include "good" fats such as nuts or avocados in small amount.

Add a serving of fruit or dairy and a drink of water or unsweetened tea or coffee.

Welcoming a healthy-eating plan is the best way to keep the blood glucose level under control and prevent diabetes complications.

#### <u> ពេយាដែលមានសុខភាពល្អសំពន់គ្រន់គ្រន់ទីនឹកលោមផ្នែម</u>

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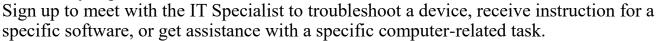
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We are an organization whose purpose is to organize and operate charitable events, development of endorsements and contributions that will enhance the services and fellowship for seniors through the Lowell Council on Aging.

There is no age restriction for joining. Everyone is welcome.

We hope you've had an opportunity to get vaccinated by this time. We plan to have our regular scheduled meetings on the last Friday of May and June at 9:30am, upstairs at the Lowell Senior Center.

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Photo: National Anthem at our Dinner Dance, November 2019



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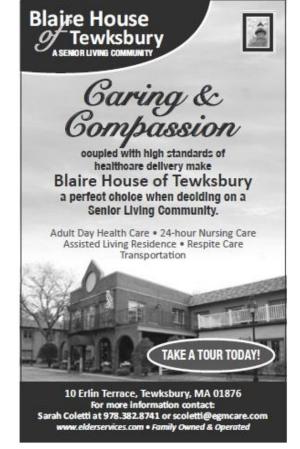
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